

*General Assembly
C/o Public Health Committee
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Ave Suite 5300
Hartford, CT 06160*

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Dear General Assembly and Public Health Committee,

I am concerned and wanted to submit **my written testimony in regards my opposition of HB number 5397**. This state has more gun control laws than any other state I know in New England. These bills often presented under misleading titles, such as public health crisis, protect the children, gun violence prevention, protecting victims, etc. This is manipulative and dishonest. This bill will pave a roadway to more laws that criminals will yet again disregard.

A public health crisis is not gun violence. It is obesity, speeding on the highway, illegal narcotics use, etc. It is beneath you and unbecoming to insist so.

If you really want to protect the populace of our great state, please start by enforcing current laws- all of them, including the speed limits on our highways. **It is arguable that the current enforcement of our highway laws is nonexistent and a greater public health crisis**. Last time I checked, those perpetrating crimes with firearms were not abiding by the laws governing our great State. I propose you not open these offices that are of loaded with conflicting interests, and simply get tough on gun crimes. It's that simple. Fully fund and realize the law enforcement that can prevent these types of violent crimes.

I OPPOSE HB 5397. VOTE NO ON HB5397. We don't need another useless bureaucratic office.

Other public health crisis' include obesity, drug use, alcohol abuse....the list goes on and on. Get tough on crime and gang and drug activity instead. Please stop taking advantage of this states lack of checks and balances in government.

Regards,
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